

WILLIAM VOLKER

CHARITIES FUND

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The William Volker Charities Fund was founded by William Volker, a businessman and philanthropist from Kansas City, Missouri. The Fund is a philanthropic foundation devoted exclusively to educational, charitable and scientific purposes.

William Volker's personal philanthropy began from the time he first earned an income. The furniture and household furnishings distribution business he founded in 1882 grew and prospered, and William Volker's charitable giving expanded and multiplied. In 1932, Mr. Volker created the Volker Fund to provide a means of continuing the pattern of his philanthropy. Mr. Volker gave half his fortune to establish the Fund and bequeathed the bulk of his remaining estate to the foundation. He passed away in 1947.

The interests of the Volker Fund have covered a wide field of philanthropic activity, ranging from individual relief of needy persons to support of research in various scientific disciplines.

In the tradition of the donor, the trustees have attempted to keep Volker Fund policy

flexible and responsive to the most urgent needs of the present and future. The current philanthropy of the foundation falls into five general categories:

1. Health and Medicine
2. Human Welfare
3. Religion
4. Education
5. Social Science and Humanities

The foundation is now administered by a board of five directors whose names appear on the next page of this leaflet. The president served with Mr. and Mrs. Volker as an original incorporator of the foundation.

William Volker was a devoutly religious person who believed that "alms should be made in secret." His philanthropy was always anonymous and, at his request, the Volker Fund today continues to ask that no attention be called to its grants and contributions. The Volker Fund makes no reports of its activity, except those required by the Federal Treasury.

H. W. LUHNOW, *President*

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